

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named Inventor	: Judy L. Westby et al.	
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For	: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO REDUCE SERIAL COMMUNICATIONS PATH CONNECTION OVERHEAD	Examiner: ---
Docket No.:	S104.12-0060	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be made. Please amend the above-identified re-issue application as follows:

IN THE TITLE

Please change the title to --METHOD AND APPARATUS TO REDUCE
SERIAL COMMUNICATIONS PATH CONNECTION OVERHEAD--.